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This proposed settlement seeks to put Microsoft under restrictions for a time period and if they do not follow the restrictions the time period is extended. What is going to make Microsoft stop doing what has been decided to be in violation of the Sherman Antitrust act if they will simply be put under restrictions of the kind that they have not followed before.

Also if they don't follow the restrictions in the first time period, what will extending the time period of those restrictions do. They will just be in violation of the restrictions longer. Still nothing will have changed and nothing is stopping Microsoft from using its monopoly in an anti-competitive way.

I would hope the Department of Justice will seek a way to truly make Microsoft realize that they should not do the things that have been decided as wrong. If I had a chance to decide I know that putting a some sort of large fine on them will definitely make Microsoft at least listen, and think of what can be done with that money. It could be given to schools in the form of grants to help them get caught up in technology. It could be donated to universities for advancing research, or even ease the cost of securing our country from terrorists which is on the front of all our minds after the recent events.

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